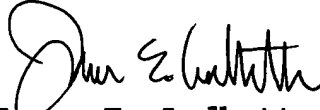


REMARKS

In this Amendment, the claims are broadened and clarified and a new claim is presented. Issuance of another Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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